

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr 19	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with special music from Greenwich Bay Brass, Nursery Care only
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
Mon., Apr 20	11 am	Staff meeting, Jeff's Office
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Tues., Apr 21	7 pm	Book Group, Coffee Depot in Warren
Wed., Apr 22	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Apr 24	9:30 am	Collate Bridge, Room 6
Sat., Apr 25	9 am – 1 pm	Church Clean Up Day
Sun., Apr 26		<i>Celebration of Earth Day</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School
	10 am – 1 pm	Final OWL Session, Library (<i>note later end time</i>)
	6 – 8 pm	Confirmation Class, Library



Birthdays for the Week of April 19th

Faith Jean, Vici Belmont, Bruce Bendheim, Ed Eberle, Katie Dubel, Claire Knight, Alison Gilmore, Don Paulhus, Lina Lemos, Jonathan Stabach, and Paula Rooks.

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR APRIL

Greg Voigt (star deacon), Cheryl Muth,
Chris Brady, and Liz White

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Jeff (247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447)
please contact a deacon.*

No electricity in part of the Education Building: We are still without electricity in Fellowship Hall and the far end of the education building including the kitchen and library, but work is being done to restore it, although it may take a while. As a result, activities and meetings scheduled in the evening for that part of the building are being relocated. This is also why the refrigerator from the kitchen is currently located in the foyer! We appreciate your patience and willingness to work around the problem while it is sorted out. Thank you.

Yes – there is still coffee hour! Our coffee hour hosts, the Deacons, are making the coffee in a different part of the building where there is electricity so coffee hour will take place as usual in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Combined May and June Bridge: Christine will be away on vacation for the second half of May, so she won't be around to prepare a newsletter for June. Therefore, the next Bridge will be a combined one for May and June. The deadline for this May and June *Bridge* newsletter is past – but if you still have info for inclusion, get it to the office by 10 am tomorrow morning and Christine will try to include it. Information for events happening in May and June should be sent.

Graduate information please: Each year we publish the names of graduates - from high school and from college - in the June *Bridge*. In order to do this we need their names! If a member of your family is graduating this spring, please call the church office (246-0111) or e-mail us at office@bccucc.org and let us know their name, from what high school or college they are graduating, and, if they plan to continue their education, at what institution. In order to be included in the combined May and June *Bridge* (see above), information must be in the church office *by tomorrow, Mon, Apr 20th*.

Church Clean Up Day is this SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH from 9 am – 1 pm. Volunteers – both skilled and unskilled – are welcome, so please consider volunteering some of your time to help – even if it's only for an hour. To help with planning, please sign up ahead of time with Paul Dennis (245-6296 or wrbtwks@aol.com). However, last minute volunteers are always welcome. Work gloves are recommended for all volunteers, and as there is always lots of yard work to do, please bring garden tools if possible.

Have you made a pledge yet? 'Be the Church' is the theme for our Stewardship Campaign and we ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal period of July – December 2015. Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on the income from your pledges to pay its bills and carry out its mission. Please put your completed pledge card in the offering plate or return it to the church office as soon as possible. Should you need one, blank pledge cards are available from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. THANK YOU to everyone who has already made a pledge.

Clergy away: Rev. Brendan Curran is away this weekend on his Spring weekend off. He will be back in the office on Monday.

Jeff and Kathleen's last day with us will be SUNDAY, MAY 10TH (Mother's Day). Following the service, which will include a special Ritual of Parting, we will be holding an all-church gathering when our church community will gather together and celebrate the 9 years we have spent together. Everyone is invited – including the children!

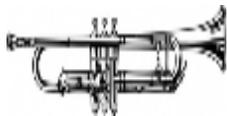
Help needed for Gathering: If you would like to help with the all church gathering on MAY 10TH, (bringing food, serving, etc) we would love to have you! Please reach out to Christine in the office at (401) 246-0111 or email: office@bccucc.org and someone will get back to you. Thanks.

Update on finding an Interim: The Deacons are working hard to find an interim minister to help us through this time of transition after Jeff leaves. They have received a list of potential names from the RI Conference and have decided to conduct interviews with three candidates. It is their intention to have an interim in place by June, and they are cautiously optimistic that they will be able to do so. We will keep you posted.

We welcome Greenwich Bay Brass who are playing at today's Worship Service. The group is an all-volunteer, British Style Brass Ensemble with unique instrumentation. They are based in RI and have been together since 2006. GBB has made numerous appearances around the state as well as in MA and ME. They annually support the Homeless Memorial Service at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence and the Salvation Army Christmas effort in RI by playing around the kettle at the Eastside Marketplace in Providence. Three of our church members Greg Voigt, Bob Marshall and Jack Brinkerhoff, are part of the group.

Members of the Greenwich Bay Brass are:

Scott Abrahamson	Cornet
Robert Marshall	Cornet
Greg Voigt	Flugelhorn
Scott Dunlop	E ^b Horn
Jan Brinkerhoff	Baritone/Euphonium
Leif Reslow	Euphonium (Director)
Steve Noel	E ^b Bass



In addition to the pieces listed in the bulletin, the group will be playing some hymn tunes before the Prelude:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

This Is My Father's World

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The Book Group meets this TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

The Bereavement Group meets, MONDAY, APRIL 27TH from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH from 1 – 2:30 pm in the church library. The group is open to patients and caregivers, and participants need not be members of this church. For more info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Annual Reports Deadline is THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH. All team leaders and church officers are asked to submit an annual report for the past year (May 2014 thru April 2015) for inclusion in the church's Annual Report. Reports should be sent as an attachment to Christine at office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office. For reference, last year's Annual Report can read on the church's website www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

The RI Conference Annual Meeting will take place on SATURDAY, MAY 2ND at Riverside Congregational Church UCC, 15 Oak Ave., Riverside RI 02915. It will start at 7:45 am with breakfast and end before 1 pm (no lunch). ALL ARE WELCOME. The event is free, but they ask that you register. When registering, you can choose the 'Conversations' that you would like to participate in (there are two sessions). For a list of the conversations or to register, contact the RI Conference office at 724-7700 (as there currently isn't a link on the Conference website to this information!)

Junior Youth Group painting: On SUNDAY, MAY 3RD from 3 – 6 pm, JYG will prep and paint Room 9 in the CE building, followed by a pizza dinner (bring \$5). All youth in grades 6 – 8 are welcome. RSVP or direct questions to bccjyg@gmail.com or speak with the youth group leaders Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach, or Kim Zeleznik.

The Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 7TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group is discussing the book *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and copies are available for purchase from the church office. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, MAY 8TH at 6:30 pm at Venus de Milo restaurant, 75 GAR Highway, Swansea MA. This will be their last get together until the fall. All are invited, both singles & couples. RSVP's by Tuesday, May 8th to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

Soup Kitchen date change: BCCUCC is now providing the meal at the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket on SAT, MAY 9TH - teams responsible are Mission & Justice, and Chancel. Anyone willing to assist in any way – either on this date or some future date – are asked to contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at 245-4681 or diane.todd@verizon.com

Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run: BCCUCC is sponsoring the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) run on WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH. The truck will go to various locations in Providence serving those in need, offering fellowship, food, clothing, and toiletries. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC, they'll leave for Providence around 5:30 and return around 7:30 p.m. There are many jobs involved in getting the truck stocked and ready to serve; so much help is needed with: donations of food items; donations of men's new boxer shorts, t-shirts, white socks and toiletries; preparation of food; going out with the truck and passing out food and clothing from the truck; and cleaning out the truck when it returns to BCCUCC. Collection boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall.

There is an online sign up at www.signupgenius.com for either donating items or helping with preparation etc. Click on the 'Find a Sign Up' tab near the top, and then search by typing in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net; or contact Liz White at 401-245-1098 or lizzyw2@aol.com. For more info about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit www.mlf.org

3rd Annual Senior Women's Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH at Noon in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Women's Faith Group. The group welcomes senior women from the congregation to share this special lunch and fellowship with them. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 28th to the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.

RICUCC Summer Camps: Four camps will be run at Irons Homestead this summer, each with 3 age groups – elementary, middle school, and high school. See the flier on the bulletin board for more info or visit their website which has a lot more details including the application forms <http://www.ricucc.org/ministries/outdoor-ministry/>

Volunteers and some **paid staff** are needed to run these camps. Visit the link above for all the details.